

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of claims is as follows:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding apparatus comprising:

a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet, said support surface extending in a first longitudinal direction to define a first support surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second support surface shovel;

a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface, said gliding surface extending in the first longitudinal direction to define a first gliding surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second gliding surface shovel;

said first support surface shovel being superimposed on said first gliding surface shovel to form a first end portion of the gliding apparatus, and said second support surface shovel being superimposed on said second gliding surface shovel to form a second end portion of the gliding apparatus;

said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;

said support and gliding surfaces substantially having the same length;

said support surface being wider than said gliding surface; and

a closed volume is demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces.

Claim 2. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

~~a first shovel of the support surface and a first shovel of the gliding surface meet;~~

~~a second shovel of the support surface and a second shovel of the gliding surface~~
meet;

a first lateral side edge connects a first edge of the gliding surface to a connecting surface of the support surface; and

a second lateral side edge connects a second edge of the gliding surface to the connecting surface of the support surface.

Claim 3. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

the first support surface shovel and second shovels are respectively tangent one to the other and coupled one to the other is tangent with and coupled to the first gliding surface shovel and the second support surface shovel it tangent with and coupled to the second gliding surface shovel.

Claim 4. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

each of the shovels has a curved portion having a center ~~center(s)~~ of curvature on the side of a top of the support surface.

Claim 5. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

a support cover is affixed to a top of the support surface.

Claim 6. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

longitudinal grooves are provided on a side of a bottom of the gliding surface.

Claim 7. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:

the grooves extend both along a central portion and partially at least along the shovels of the gliding surface.

Claim 8. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 6, wherein:

said longitudinal grooves are constituted by three grooves.

Claim 9. (*Original*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion having the support surface, the lateral side edges, and the gliding surface, the support surface having an opening, and a second portion comprising a cover for closing the opening.

Claim 10. (*Withdrawn*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion having the gliding surface and the lateral side edges, and a second portion formed by the support surface.

Claim 11. (*Withdrawn*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 2, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion being the gliding surface, the second portion being the support surface, said two main portions being affixed one to the other by an intermediary layer that extends between the surfaces, opposite the gliding surface.

Claim 12. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding apparatus comprising:

a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet, said support surface extending in a first longitudinal direction to define a first support surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second support surface shovel;

a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface, said gliding surface extending in the first longitudinal direction to define a first gliding surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second gliding surface shovel;

said first support surface shovel being superimposed on said first gliding surface shovel to form a first end portion of the gliding apparatus, and said second support surface shovel being superimposed on said second gliding surface shovel to form a second end portion of the gliding apparatus;

said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;

said support surface having opposed lateral edges projecting transversely beyond said gliding surface; and

a closed volume demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces.

Claim 13. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

- a first shovel of the support surface and a first shovel of the gliding surface meet;
- a second shovel of the support surface and a second shovel of the gliding surface meet;
- a first lateral side edge connects a first edge of the gliding surface to a connecting surface of the support surface; and
- a second lateral side edge connects a second edge of the gliding surface to the connecting surface of the support surface.

Claim 14. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

- the first and second shovels are respectively tangent one to the other and coupled one to the other.

Claim 15. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

- each of the shovels has a curved portion having center(s) of curvature on the side of a top of the support surface.

Claim 16. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

- a support cover is affixed to a top of the support surface.

Claim 17. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

- longitudinal grooves are provided on a side of a bottom of the gliding surface.

Claim 18. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:

the grooves extend both along a central portion and partially at least along the shovels of the gliding surface.

Claim 19. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 17, wherein:

said longitudinal grooves are constituted by three grooves.

Claim 20. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion having the support surface, the lateral side edges, and the gliding surface, the support surface having an opening, and a second portion comprising a cover for closing the opening.

Claim 21. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion having the gliding surface and the lateral side edges, and a second portion formed by the support surface.

Claim 22. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 13, wherein:

the gliding apparatus has two main portions, said two main portions comprising a first portion being the gliding surface, the second portion being the support surface, said two main portions being affixed one to the other by an intermediary layer that extends between the surfaces, opposite the gliding surface.

Claim 23. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:
said support and gliding surfaces substantially have the same length.

Claim 24. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus comprising:
a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet;
a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface;
said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;
said support and gliding surfaces substantially having the same length;
in transverse cross section said support surface extends from a first lateral edge, through a central portion, to an opposite second lateral edge;
with said gliding surface being supported upon a horizontal surface, said first and second lateral edges being spaced vertically from said gliding surface no less than said central portion of said support surface is spaced vertically from said gliding surface; and
a closed volume demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces;
said support surface extending in a first longitudinal direction to define a first support surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second support surface shovel;
said gliding surface extending in the first longitudinal direction to define a first gliding surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second gliding surface shovel.

Claim 25. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 24, wherein:
with said gliding surface being supported upon a horizontal surface, said first and second lateral edges are spaced vertically from said gliding surface greater than said central portion of said support surface is spaced vertically from said gliding surface.

Claim 26. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 24, wherein:

said support and gliding surfaces substantially have the same length.

Claim 27. (*Currently Amended*) A gliding apparatus comprising:

a support surface provided to support a rider's two feet;

a gliding surface provided to glide along a surface;

said support and gliding surfaces being opposite one to the other providing a spacing therebetween;

said support and gliding surfaces substantially having the same length;

said support surface being wider than said gliding surface;

said support surface extending in a first longitudinal direction to define a first support surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second support surface shovel;

said gliding surface extending in the first longitudinal direction to define a first gliding surface shovel and in an opposite direction to define a second gliding surface shovel;

~~said support surface having a first shovel and a second shovel;~~

~~said gliding surface having a first shovel and a second shovel; and~~

a closed volume demarcated between said support and gliding surfaces.

Claim 28. (*Previously Presented*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:

said support surface has opposed lateral edges projecting transversely beyond said gliding surface.

Claim 29. (*New*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said gliding surface comprises a first longitudinally extending lateral edge, a second longitudinally extending lateral edge, and first and second ends connecting said first and second longitudinally extending lateral edges, said lateral edges and ends defining a perimeter of said gliding surface;

said support surface comprises a first longitudinally extending lateral edge, a second longitudinally extending lateral edge, and first and second ends connecting said first and second longitudinally extending lateral support surface edges, said lateral support surface edges and support surface ends defining a perimeter of said support surface.

Claim 30. (*New*) A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

said gliding surface comprises a first longitudinally extending lateral edge, a second longitudinally extending lateral edge, and first and second ends connecting said first and second longitudinally extending lateral edges, said lateral edges and ends defining a perimeter of said gliding surface;

said support surface comprises a first longitudinally extending lateral edge, a second longitudinally extending lateral edge, and first and second ends connecting said first and second longitudinally extending lateral support surface edges, said lateral support surface edges and support surface ends defining a perimeter of said support surface.

Claim 31. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

each of said first and second support surface shovels comprises a continuous surface from a first lateral edge, through a central longitudinal vertical plane of the apparatus, to a second lateral edge.

Claim 32. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

each of said first and second support surface shovels comprises a continuous surface from a first lateral edge, through a central longitudinal vertical plane of the apparatus, to a second lateral edge.

Claim 33. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 24, wherein:

each of said first and second support surface shovels comprises a continuous surface from a first lateral edge, through a central longitudinal vertical plane of the apparatus, to a second lateral edge.

Claim 34. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 27, wherein:

each of said first and second support surface shovels comprises a continuous surface from a first lateral edge, through a central longitudinal vertical plane of the apparatus, to a second lateral edge.

Claim 35. *(New)* A gliding apparatus according to claim 12, wherein:

between front and rear contact lines of the gliding apparatus said gliding surface has a width of more than half a width of said support surface.